

SECOND PLACE HIGH SCHOOL ART

Locks of Hope

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Bertha Haberfeld's story of her sister cutting her hair in the ghetto reflects the spirit of hope and loss endured throughout the Holocaust. Her sister asked to cut her hair as a mitzvah, hoping that it would bring God's protection. I wanted to highlight this moment because of its impact on Bertha's life. Chopping off the locks of her hair symbolized both a mournful loss of her identity, as well as a sense of hope that they would survive. Even more significant was the bond between Bertha and her sister which provided her with the strength and perseverance to survive.

